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'OK Joe, let's go'

Seeking office. Occupy London's Eric Shepperd is planning to run for mayor



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He's a long-haired 29-year-old who was the face of Occupy London. He's a technology buff who cycles everywhere, even in the winter, and he acknowledges he has virtually no political experience.

But Eric Shepperd has decided he's going to be the next mayor of London.

"I'm not cutting my hair for this," he said. "The people who wouldn't vote for me because of my hair wouldn't vote for me anyway."

The unlikely politician announced his intention to run on Thursday. He made the declaration on social media, tweeting: "OK Joe, let's go" — a direct challenge to Mayor Joe Fontana, the head of the city that cleared his friends out of Victoria Park as the Occupy protest ended a

It's sooner than you think

- London's mayoral election is on Oct. 27, 2014. Candidate registration opens Jan. 6 and closes Sept. 8. So far, only incumbent Joe Fontana and Eric Shepperd have indicated an intention to run.

year and a half ago.

Shepperd, who works for an Internet service provider downtown, insists the Occupy anti-capitalist movement isn't such a strange source of politicians.

"Occupy started a conversation," he said. "Suddenly, people were talking about politics, the environment, different issues, in different ways. It also spawned an entirely new generation of activists. It brought people into the public sphere that wouldn't have been involved otherwise."

Shepperd was one of the founding members of Occupy London, and said he learned a lot from the experience, mainly "diplomacy." He often spoke for the protesters and found himself bridging internal divisions

in the camp.

His decision to run for mayor was triggered by frustration at large developments in the Forest City such as the retail and cinema planned for the woodlot off Wellington Road.

"I want to see an end to the sprawl," he said. "The city's growing, but I want to see a better model. I want more development downtown, and I want to see less on the fringes."

"I want to see a place where you can walk and cycle, where there is better transit. I want to make it possible for people to go without cars."

Shepperd's policies include changing tax codes to make downtown parking lots less profitable and development more attractive, restricting development on the edge of the city and introducing a network of powerful neighbourhood councils to help make important decisions.

He also wants to target investment from technology companies and introduce more bike lanes and better bus service. "I want to see positive leadership, inspirational leadership out of the mayoral office, and I think I can provide that."

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Google Glass has some tech-savvy class (we think)

Borg? Metro London looks into the future through Google's lens



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It's pretty cool.

That's about as tech-savvy as I get, but it's also an apt description of the new Google Glass.

Most people have at least seen pictures of it by now. You wear the device like glasses, but use it like a smartphone.

There are no lenses, but there is a small screen above your right eye from which comes the world — as both you, and Google, would like to see it.

Basically, anything that can be done on a smartphone can be done with Google Glass. You can surf the web, make calls, send emails and texts, shoot photos and take video.

Voices.com CEO David Ciccarelli is one of a handful of people in Canada known as Glass Explorers, who earned the right to be Google guinea pigs by winning a draw — and paying \$1,500 for the product.

He tried to get in on the ground floor as one of the technology's first developers, but that didn't work out. Luckily, Google then gave the general public the opportunity to test drive the first prototypes, and he jumped at it. The device is expected to hit a wider market next year.

Don't be a 'glasshole'

- Yep, that phrase has already been coined for Google Glass users who don't follow unofficial etiquette rules for the techy specs. That includes recording videos and snapping pics on the sly.

- This week, Google put out a set of FAQs aimed at clearing up confusion and setting some protocols for the product.

"There was a contest on Twitter called 'If I Had Glass' and so I figured here's my second chance," Ciccarelli said. "I didn't hear anything for about two months, and then I got a reply on Twitter that said I was one of the guys to try it. I was told I had to buy it, and then go to New York City to pick it up."

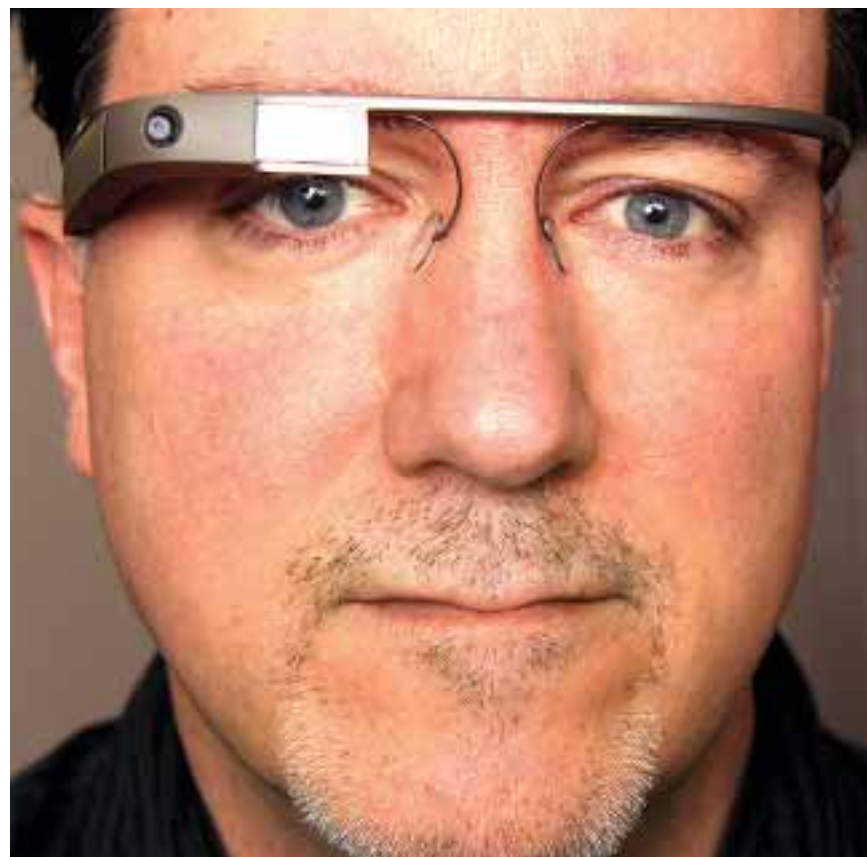
He's now showing the gizmo off to others, including yours truly from Metro London.

So what's right and what's wrong with Google Glass?

At first blush, it's hard not to be impressed.

The device doesn't feel intrusive because the frame is lightweight titanium and, as mentioned, there are no lenses to smudge. There's also no earpiece because sound is transmitted via bone conduction.

You look up to see the screen, which can be controlled, for the most part,



No, it's not a Borg or a scene from *Minority Report*. It's Metro's Scott Taylor trying out one the hottest tech trends not yet on the market. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

with voice commands. Initially, it looks to be about the size of a postage stamp, but it seemed to grow and become easier to see with each passing second.

I watched video Ciccarelli

shot at a zoo, hands-free, of course, and easily found people on his contact list.

Looking at a photo of myself wearing it, though, I was reminded of the Borg from *Star Trek: The Next*

Generation.

Yes, people will walk into trees and some will video people and things they shouldn't, but for a first stab at a wearable computer, it's pretty cool.

Dual tracks not an issue, despite death: CN



Colborne Street rail crossing, where a man was killed on Wednesday.

SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

William Seeley and a woman riding on the back of his bicycle waited for a westbound CN train to clear the railway crossing at York and Colborne streets Wednesday night, then continued on their way just as a freight train rumbled through in the opposite direction.

With its horn blaring, it hit the couple, killing the 24-year-old Seeley and sending the 29-year-old woman to hospital in critical condition.

Transport Canada initiated a review into the dangers of just such a situation shortly after one pedestrian was killed and another injured in Brockville in 2005.

They, too, stepped into the

path of an eastward train after a westbound train had passed.

One result of that review was the placement of signs warning that a second train could be on the tracks at certain rail crossings, including the one at York and Colborne.

However, there has been no movement to adopt regulations to prohibit trains from crossing at the same time in city centres, nor is there expected to be, a CN spokeswoman said on Thursday.

Lindsay Fedchyshyn said it's common practice to have two tracks in use at the same time throughout the province.

"It's important to note that this crossing has signs on both

sides that warn people that two trains may pass at any time in any direction, and we're not considering changing that schedule," she said.

"This is common practice across our system. This crossing is fully protected by lights, bells and gates. It meets the standards and beyond with the signs, as well."

She added that the train that hit the couple was travelling at 45 kilometres per hour, well below the 60 kilometre per hour speed limit and that its horn was working.

About 26 VIA and CN freight trains cross London on a daily basis.

SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO



Where's the bus? Mike Andrews is pictured at a Dundas Street bus stop close to his home. It's the place he'd catch a ride for his morning commute, if the LTC schedule made it possible. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

The waiting is the hardest part for some LTC riders

Stingy service a source of frustration. London industrial worker says buses don't get employees to work on time



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If you want to get ahead, get up early, says one London worker. But he thinks the city's bus service needs to wake up and smell the coffee.

Mike Andrews has worked on the production line at Dopaco, a paper-cup manufacturer with a plant on Sovereign Court, for 23 years.

His bus to work stops outside Tim Hortons at Dundas and Egerton streets or, more to the point, it doesn't.

"I don't have a car," Andrews said. "It can cost me \$300 a month to get to work because I end up taking a cab."

"The first bus gets out there at 7 o'clock, and I start work at 7 o'clock. I work 7 to 7. Most factories start running at 7."

It's a problem outlined time and time again by bus riders who work in industrial areas. Buses simply don't service the areas well enough to get workers where they need to go — making it hard for some people to take jobs they're qualified to do.

LTC officials weren't available for comment Thursday, but have said they plan to at least look into how industrial areas are served at some point in the near future.

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That said, officials have noted that they're facing pressure to cover many parts of the city, and problems with the industrial routes receive fewer complaints.

Andrews and others say the time for action is now.

He's taken the bus before, and it's caused him problems — he's been written up by his boss for being late.

"The first Dundas bus leaves downtown at 6:15 a.m. and it gets up to the Western Fairgrounds around 6:20 or so," he said. "Then it gets out to Argyle Mall at 6:45. Then you gotta get off of that bus and catch the Sovereign bus. That's at 6:45 if he's not late. It could be (6:50) when he gets there."

"If I ding the bell to get off the bus it's usually 6:58 or somewhere around there. I gotta be on the floor at 7. I can't be walking in the door."

Andrews says the bosses at LTC should be made to ride the bus to work every day for a year.

Laugh so you don't cry

"The big joke for bus drivers is, what does LTC stand for? 'Let's take the car.'"

Mike Andrews, frustrated public-transit user

Cooking up something 'licious in the core

The heart of downtown is targeting the stomachs of the city with Corelicious.

Starting Friday and continuing through July 14, a healthy menu of downtown restaurants will offer multi-course meals at fixed prices as part of the food festival.

Prices range from \$15 lunch meals to \$35 dinner spreads, but whatever combo Londoners choose, the most important thing is that they're dining downtown.

So says Eddy Phimphrachanh, co-owner of Thaifoon restaurant, who

Downtown dining

20

The number of restaurants participating in Corelicious.

launched the celebration of core food last summer. After a successful first go, he's bringing many of the same eateries together again in the hope of drawing more people to the heart of London.

"I live in the heart of the city — it's my home," Phi-

mphrachanh said. "I and all the other restaurateurs want to showcase what we have to offer."

The summer can be an especially tough time for local eateries, with students gone and many Londoners on vacation, Phimphrachanh said.

The goal, he added, is to remind people from all parts of the Forest City that downtown has a lot to offer.

Details about participating restaurants are at corelicious.ca.

KEVIN HURREN/FOR METRO

Project to help at-risk women. Muslim community out to reclaim 'honour'

The Muslim community has declared its intention to "reclaim the word 'honour' from people who commit so-called honour violence against women."

The defiant stance came as London North Centre MP Susan Truppe announced almost \$200,000 for a project that will train local women to help prevent and stop honour violence.

The grim and complex problem sees violence against women for social reasons, usually because they are seen as having brought dishonour on a family. It can be triggered by a wide variety of choices, from relationships to modes of dress, but the use of the word "hon-

our" has particularly aggrieved the people behind London's Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support and Integration.

Saleha Khan, vice-chair of the centre, said, "We want to reclaim the word 'honour.' Honour is honourable. It is noble. It is part of our values."

Khan explained that a "holistic approach" involves an entire family, including the men, and often prevents violence before it starts.

But the centre will sometimes remove girls to a safe place while letting them maintain a relationship with their family.

The \$193,400 announced

Defiant stance

"We want to send a strong message: We don't tolerate any kind of violence in any name."

Dr. Mohammed Baobaid, executive director of the Muslim Resource Centre

Thursday will fund a 24-month project to help at-risk women. As well as training advocates to work in the community, it will be used to identify strengths and gaps in existing policies and services.

MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Stampede crews running roughshod over flood woes

Calgary Stampede.

While some events have been cancelled or moved, the show is on

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For Metro in Calgary

"Come hell or high water," the Calgary Stampede was back on its way to a Friday kickoff without a hitch — or just a few.

By Thursday, the Stampede grounds had undergone a tremendous transformation. Just two weeks ago, the Stampede grounds were under as much as 14 feet of water, and up to 100,000 Albertans were forced from their homes. Now, they're set to welcome the world to the 101st Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth.

"Seeing the extent of the damage was pretty powerful. There was a lot of water sitting in virtually every corner of the park," said Kurt Kadatz, spokesperson for the Stampede.

Crews have been working around the clock since last week's announcement that the show would, in fact, go on.

"Somehow, there has been a real spirit of optimism among our employees. There was a sense of camaraderie. We would rally together ... and overcome," said Kadatz.

Walking through the grounds, it looked like business as usual — the midway rides and concessions were taking shape, the Rotary Dream Home appeared unscathed on the outside and work on the chuckwagon track and rodeo infield was close to completion.



Two separate shots of the Calgary Stampede infield, where the rodeo and chuckwagon events take place, show the overwhelming flood waters on June 22, top left, and the work that had been done by July 1. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO IN CALGARY

T-shirts sold

60K

More than 60,000 Hell or High Water T-shirts sold as of Monday.

While the BMO Centre sustained marginal damage, the setup for the Western Showcase has remained on schedule. However, some events had to be moved to other locations or were cancelled.

Hardest hit was the Saddle Dome, which lost the whole event level with flood water reaching row eight. News broke on Tuesday that the en-

Yards of fresh material

30K

30,000 yards of material were trucked in to resurface the track and infield.

tire Stampede Concert Series had been cancelled.

In the face of these types of challenges throughout the city, Mayor Naheed Nenshi is hoping that an end to the state of emergency and a new national ad campaign will be enough to bring travellers back.

"A lot of our neighbours are in a lot of pain. A lot of people

All-day dump trucks

220

220 dump trucks were going 24 hours a day to get the track and infield ready.

have lost wages over the time we've been closed, and many of those folks depend on the tourism industry to do well, and of course they make their bread and butter during Stampede," he said.

"Whether you're working in a restaurant or in a hotel or a retail business, we need to get those people back up again. They've suffered enough. It's

Feet of water in barns

14

Water had reached 14 feet in the barns, up to 10 feet on track.

a chance to show the world we're back."

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More online

Watch video of the work it took to get the Stampede back on at metronews.ca



Under the wire

Workers in a rush to rodeo readiness

For the crew working on rebuilding the track and the infield at the Stampede Grounds, it was a rush to the finish line.

"By far this is the largest obstacle the Stampede has had to overcome in getting ready for the 10-day show. If it had been a couple days later, I am not sure we would have been ready," said Warren Connell, vice-president of park development for the Calgary Stampede.

Connell said the whole track had to be rebuilt from scratch, including hauling out tonnes of contaminated soil and bringing in fresh dirt, clay, sand and organics.

"I have never seen the track in such bad shape. It was basically wiped out, right to the base," said Connell, who has been with the Stampede for 30 years.

"I was pretty devastated."

While the grounds are being prepped and sanitized, the animals have been held off-site to ensure their safety.

On-site rehearsals for the rodeo and training for the chuckwagons were set to start Thursday, just one day before the start date.

Ministers leaving

Cabinet shift

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is expected to enact a major cabinet shuffle this month.

Marjory LeBreton, government leader in the Senate, Diane Ablonczy, minister of state for foreign affairs, Ted Menzies, minister of state for finance, and Fisheries Minister Keith Ashfield are all on their way out. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Conservatives planned to reimburse Sen. Duffy, court documents show

The Conservative party was going to cover the living expenses Sen. Mike Duffy had to pay back, but halted the plan when it was discovered he owed nearly three times as much as originally thought.

That was what lawyers for Nigel Wright, former chief of staff to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, told the RCMP last month when they met police to discuss the investiga-

tion into his \$90,000 gift to the troubled senator, according to documents released by the Ottawa courthouse Thursday.

They also told the Mounties that Wright was not the only person in the Prime Minister's Office who was aware of the arrangement, but noted Harper was not in the loop.

RCMP Cpl. Greg Horton filed a document June 24, laying out his grounds for be-

lieving that records kept by the Senate would serve as evidence in a criminal investigation.

The document states the lawyers for Wright advised the investigators on June 19 that as chief of staff, Wright had the role of managing the Conservative party, "part of which was to deal with matters that could cause embarrassment."

After it was revealed that

the cost would be \$90,000, not \$32,000, "Wright then offered to cover the cost for Duffy, believing it was the proper ethical decision that taxpayers not be out that amount of money," said the document.

The payment also came with two conditions: "Pay the money back right away (and) stop talking to the media about it," stated the document.

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Sen. Mike Duffy
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Egypt swears in interim president

Top judge takes reins.
Leader of Muslim Brotherhood arrested amid fears of a violent backlash from Islamists

A senior judge was sworn in as Egypt's interim president Thursday to replace ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi as the military launched a major crackdown against the Muslim Brotherhood. Reeling from what it called a military coup against democracy, the group said it would not work with the new political system.

The sweep against the Brotherhood leadership included the group's top leader, General Guide Mohammed Badie. He was arrested late Wednesday at a Mediterranean coastal city and flown by helicopter to Cairo, security officials said.

The move against the Brotherhood raises deep questions over how Islamists will fit into Egypt's new political system after the military on Wednesday swept out Morsi, the country's first freely elected president. The army says it did so in the name of millions



Egyptian soldiers secure the area around Nasser City, where Muslim Brotherhood supporters have gathered, in Cairo, Egypt, Thursday. The chief justice of Egypt's Supreme Constitutional Court was sworn in Thursday as the nation's interim president, taking over hours after the military ousted the Islamist President Mohammed Morsi. According to military decree, Adly Mansour will serve as Egypt's interim leader until a new president is elected. HASSAN AMMAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

of Egyptians who had taken to the streets demanding Morsi be removed.

In the first step toward setting up a post-Morsi leadership, the chief judge of the Supreme Constitutional Court, Adly Mansour, took the oath

as interim president before his fellow judges at the court.

There are fears of a violent backlash from Islamists against the army move, particularly from hard-liners, some of whom belong to former armed militant groups.

Clashes between Islamists and police erupted in multiple places around the country after the army's announcement of Morsi's removal Wednesday night, leaving at least nine dead.

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'Repressive' policies?

Military cracks down on media

Egyptian authorities shut down four Islamist TV stations, banned the Muslim Brotherhood's newspaper and raided the office of Al-Jazeera's Egypt affiliate in a crackdown on media considered sympathetic to ousted President Mohammed Morsi, bringing an outcry Thursday from rights groups, who said the moves appeared to be an attempt to intimidate pro-Morsi media and shut off their viewpoints.

Among the shuttered stations was the Misi25 channel, run by the Brotherhood. It went off the air Wednesday night just as it was airing pro-Morsi protesters chanting, "Down with military rule" after Egypt's military chief announced that Morsi had been removed.

The military's move came after four days of massive

anti-Morsi protests demanding the country's first freely elected president step down.

In a statement, the Brotherhood said the shutdowns were a return to the "repressive" policies of Egypt's "dark ... ages."

The London-based Amnesty International called the shutdowns a "blow to freedom of expression."

Also targeted was Al-Jazeera Live Egypt, or Mubasher Misi, an affiliate of the Qatar-based Al-Jazeera TV network. Late Wednesday night, police raided the station's offices, detaining 28 staffers, Al-Jazeera said in a statement Thursday. All have since been released, except the managing director and the broadcast engineer.

Al-Jazeera said Associated Press Television News was ordered to deny Al-Jazeera channels access to their live services. The Associated Press said it complied with the order because it is bound by local laws, while protesting to appropriate government authorities.

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Carney watch. BoE explains reason for interest rate policy

Mark Carney is already causing ripples in Britain in his first week as governor of the Bank of England, even though his methods would be considered old hat in Canada.

Eschewing past practice, the British central bank went beyond simply announcing no changes to the 0.5 per cent key interest rate Thursday as it also published a statement explaining the reasoning and suggesting rates would remain depressed for some time.

The dovish statement had the effect of boosting equity

prices in England and dropping the pound one cent to \$1.51 US.

Under the previous governor, Mervyn King, the bank's Monetary Policy Committee would typically issue no comment when policy was left unchanged.

But instead the central bank gave some indication where matters are heading by declaring that "the implied rise in the expected future path of bank rate was not warranted by the recent developments in the domestic economy."

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Canada's former central banker Mark Carney attends a July 1 meeting at the Bank of England, on his first day as the bank's governor. GETTY IMAGES

Compensation fight

Air Canada's bumping payout 'unreasonable'

Air Canada's proposed compensation for passengers bumped off domestic flights is "unreasonable," says consumer advocate Gabor Lukacs, who successfully convinced the Canadian Transportation Agency that passengers are entitled to higher payments. The airline proposed last week that passengers should be entitled to between \$100 and \$800 depending on their airfare and length of delay. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Murdoch caught on tape calling papers' conduct 'next to nothing'

Media mogul Rupert Murdoch has been recorded saying wrongdoing by his British newspapers was "next to nothing" and apparently acknowledging that his reporters paid police officers for information.

In a tape published in transcript by the ExaroNews journalism website and broadcast Wednesday on the U.K.'s Channel 4 News, Murdoch is heard saying, "it's the biggest inquiry ever, over next to nothing."

"It's a disgrace. Here we are, two years later, and the cops are totally incompetent," said Murdoch, who is executive chairman of News Corp.

The outlets said the tape was recorded during a meeting with journalists at The Sun newspaper in March. Murdoch told them: "We're talking about payments for news tips from cops: That's been going on a hundred years."

He also said it had been "a mistake" on the company's part to hand over so many of its files to police. He said the company was now insisting police obtain court orders before they could see documents.



Rupert Murdoch THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"I will do everything in my power to give you total support, even if you're convicted and get six months or whatever."

Rupert Murdoch, recorded talking to journalists at his U.K. paper The Sun.

Murdoch has publicly apologized for phone hacking, which he has called "appalling," and News Corp. has paid out millions to settle lawsuits from scores of victims.

News Corp. said in a statement Thursday that it had co-operated fully with police and worked hard to "identify what went wrong, compensate the victims and ensure the same mistakes do not happen again."

Responding to the tape recording, the company said Murdoch "has shown understandable empathy with the staff and families affected and will assume they are innocent until and unless proven guilty."

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SNOWDEN'S NEXT MOVE A BLOCKBUSTER

This week's Metro List proves, once again, that life imitates art, truth is stranger than fiction, and I'm not making any of this up.

1 Superman is dating Penny from The Big Bang Theory. Great Caesar's ghost! Man of Steel Henry Cavill (although some critics who have seen the latest Superman movie call him the Man of Lead) is dating Kaley Cuoco, who plays Sheldon Cooper's desirable but dumb neighbour on the sitcom that made it OK to wear a pocket protector and tape on your glasses.

2 The Lone Ranger and his sidekick, Captain Jack Sparrow. I have a confession to make. I am old enough to remember when the Lone Ranger was my most favourite show in the whole world... on radio. And then one day, my dad came home with a TV. I thought it was a miracle that I could see Tonto — for real. But the real miracle is the new movie version and Johnny Depp



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Paul Sullivan
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Of course, these days, Snowden's more like Waldo, as in "where's Waldo?"

who has turned the painfully earnest Tonto into a wisecracking, walking totem pole of comic relief with a dead bird on his head. Not just feathers, mind you, but the whole bird.

3 The ballad of Edward Snowden. They seek him here, they seek him there, that damned elusive whistle blower. Now, the next place we may see him is on the big screen. Director Phillip Noyce has a novel way of, er, looking at it: "A movie that's playing out before our eyes, even though we can't see anything." Of course, Snowden's 'look' will undergo a transformation. Noyce wants Liam Hemsworth in the starring role, who looks more like the hunk in the Hunger Games than Snowden, who looks more like the unashamedly geeky wunderkid Sheldon Cooper.

4 Home-grown Helter Skelter. All terrorists aren't created equal. Some, like the self-styled Surrey-based jihadists Mujahid and Pirate NinjaCat, a.k.a. John Nuttall and his sidekick Amanda Korody, don't have the jam to clean the cat litter box. According to one erstwhile acquaintance, the couple, who were arrested for trying to plant Canada Day improvised explosive devices at the B.C. Legislature, were even thrown out of a local mosque — for worshipping weirdly. They lived in complete squalor and appear to spend their spare time paint-balling the TV into submission.

5 You think that was weird? How about this? Two generations of really bad tunes came together over the weekend when Chad Kroeger, the main perp of Nickelback, and one-hit wonder Avril Lavigne got married in secret in Mandelieu in the south of France. There was actually no reason for them to get married in secret. It's not like they were Kim Kardashian or somebody really, like, famous.

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ZOOM

Teacher, disco garb stayin' alive

Texas man's school photos go viral

Dallas teacher Dale Irby and his disco-style wardrobe are rocking the Internet.

For 40 years, the recently retired Texas school teacher has

worn the same outfit in every school picture: A groovy polyester shirt and toffee-coloured V-neck wool sweater vest.

"Hilarious," was a word often repeated on Twitter as his story went viral. "Can't stop

smiling," said another.

Irby, who lives in Garland, Texas, recently retired as a gym teacher from Prestonwood Elementary School, along with his wife, Cathy, whom he met when they were first-year teachers in Dallas back in 1973.

The 63-year-old Irby has dressed the same way for every yearbook photo since that year, and the images of him in those treasured garments have shot around the world on the Internet and on YouTube.

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From embarrassing to hilarious

In 1974, Irby was embarrassed to discover that he had mistakenly worn the same shirt and vest as he did the year before. However, his wife dared him to repeat. Then Irby thought five would be funny. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

See my vest

"After five pictures ... it was like: 'Why stop?'"

Dale Irby told the Dallas Morning News

Hanging up sweater vest for good

Then five turned into 40. Even as he got older, the sweater and shirt combo still fit. "Uh, yeah, if I suck it in a little," he said.

Irby says the sweater vest and shirt will also retire — to the back of his closet.

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Summer's more sweltering days lurk around the corner, so why not prep for a little mobile gaming in air conditioned spaces? Here are three gems from June.

Icebreaker - A Viking Voyage:

Backed by Angry Birds publisher Rovio's imprimatur, Icebreaker bravely enters the crowded physics puzzler field. While it's easy to tell the game is built on the shoulders of early classics like Cut The Rope, it quickly blooms into a wickedly funny world of varied levels with biting winds, dark magic and troll snot among their hazards. (iOS and Android/\$0.99)

Home:

It's astonishing how unnerving the atmosphere in this horror game is, given the deliberately primitive graphics. Paired with a decent set of headphones, Home's series of disturbing discoveries should keep you gripped from the first second. A caveat if you're still angry about The Sopranos finale: The story design is inten-



tionally vague and the ending provides more questions than answers. (iOS/\$2.99)

Agricola:

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Letters and Comments

RE: Unpaid Internships? \$8 An Hour? The Beer Commercials Lied To Me! Published July 4

I'm sure this was an attempt at humour, but I imagine readers from 18 to 80 would find this story of-fending. Slacked at his jobs, thought customers were idiots, and is now happy in a job where he is hated. What's the point. What does this say about Metro readers? Are they idiots too?

Bob Peters, Winnipeg

Things surely changed in 10 years!

From what I see, most kids are spoiled and depend heavily on their parents. They complain that school is too hard and can't handle working part-time while in school. Yet, they seem to have plenty of time to drink and socialize with their \$500 phones. Most of these kids can't even maintain a conversation without taking a peek at their phone.

All this to say that it would be super easy to be a young graduate these days since it wouldn't take much to outclass the competition!

Skippy76 posted to metronews.ca

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Synopsis

In the 186 days that have passed since the Reel Guys drank too much champagne on New Year's Eve, Iron Man 3 has made more money than the GNP of some small countries, Fast & Furious 6 was faster and more furious than the previous five Vin Diesel car crazy movies and The Hangover Part III left us with a headache. At the midway mark of the year the Reel Guys look back at the best of the first six months of 2013.

Reel Guys

RICHARD
CROUSE AND
MARK BRESLIN



Warm Bodies is a zombie metaphor for awkward teen love — and a pretty well performed one at that. HANDOUT

The best of 2013 so far

Reel Guys approved.

At the halfway point of the year, Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin pick their favourite flicks of the last six months

Richard: Mark, it's been a weird year. Things that I was really looking forward to, like Melissa McCarthy and Jason Bateman in Identity Thief, fell really flat, but other things like the off-the-radar The Purge turned out to be really good fun. From the early part of the year I'd choose Warm Bodies, a zom com that is essentially one joke — the zombie as a metaphor for

awkward teenager love — but a pretty good one and well performed. What about you?

Mark: Two blockbuster movies impressed me: Iron Man 3 and Star Trek: Into Darkness. But my two favourite movies of the year were Side Effects and Trance. Both were Hitchcockian thrillers that started out as one thing but cleverly morphed into something else. But I've always enjoyed mind games, Richard, as any of my detractors will tell you.

RC: I liked both Side Effects and Trance, but as far as thrillers go my pick of the litter would be The Bay, an eco-apocalypse horror movie from Diner director Barry Levinson. He assembles an eye-catching array of fictional

news footage, phone camera images, surveillance videotape, Skype and "homemade" videos to tell the story and it will make you think twice before ever drinking tap water again!

MB: The Bay was interesting, although unfortunate product placement for the store. I liked The Great Gatsby a lot, although I knew the story all too well. The Place Beyond The Pines is an ambitious sprawling movie that has three connecting stories. The whole is less than the sum of its parts but most of it is worth its loooooong running time.

RC: My two favourite films so far this year have been Frances Ha and Before Mid-

night. Frances Ha stars the transcendent Greta Gerwig as a 20-something dancer trying to make it in New York City. Warm and charming, it captures the vagaries of a mostly rudderless life. Another movie I hope to watch over and over is Before Midnight, the third film in the Ethan Hawke-Julie Delpy relationship trilogy. Done with humour, heart and pathos, often in the same scene, it is a poignant farewell to two characters who grew up in front of us.

MB: I liked Frances Ha and I think it's the breakthrough role Gerwig has been looking for. But it was very similar to last year's Lola Versus, which I found funnier though not as artful.

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Stars. Gustavo Jahn, Irma Brown, Sebastião Formiga

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Putting his Stamp on an Unfinished Song

Tuned in.

Terence Stamp is a grumpy old man — but his job gets a little easier with the help of Vanessa Redgrave



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Metro World News in Hollywood

British actor Terence Stamp has just about perfected cranky, whether it's in *Superman 2*, the *Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* or the *Limey*. In his latest, *Unfinished Song*, he puts all that practice to good use playing the misanthropic but devoted husband of the sunny and cheerful terminally ill Marion (Vanessa Redgrave).

The film was originally released as *Song for Marion*. Why the title change?

Just Harvey (Weinstein), I think. I mean, he's a law unto himself, but he really seems to know what he's doing. He also re-cut the movie,

and the director agreed that Harvey's take on it was better. I think *Unfinished Song* is rather nice, rather romantic. I haven't spoken to Harvey directly, but it was his idea.

How easy does it make your job when Vanessa Redgrave is playing your wife?

It's not easy, it's just a great blessing, really. A lot of people have remarked that the fact that we're this couple who've been together for 30 years is just kind of a given. It's not spoken about, you know? The thing about Vanessa is that after the first few days, between action and cut it was hard to really discern where my energy stopped and hers started.

Also, having you and Christopher Eccleston play father and son is inspired casting.

Yeah. When he was cast, I knew of him but I hadn't seen him recently, and my question to the director was, "How's his voice?" — meaning, "What's his dialect?" Because in

England your dialect is a kind of class system, really, how you speak. Anyway, afterward I discovered that he was told that. So apparently what he did was he downloaded both of my *Desert Island Discs* episodes (a BBC radio show) and he listened to my voice, which is so astute. Because it's not me performing, it's me being myself talking about the music that I like. So when he rucked up on the set, he had my voice down pat.

In an interview last year, director Terrence Davies complained that young English actors are all trying to sound like they're from South London nowadays.

That's funny because that was what I had to lose. I thought, "I'm never going to be able to play Hamlet, I'm never going to be able to play Macbeth talking like that." I'm always amazed by the workings of the universe. It's like a wheel, isn't it? Everything turns round.



Unfinished Song opens next Friday. HANDOUT

A long, long road for The Way, Way Back



The Way, Way Back opens next Friday. HANDOUT



Nat Faxon, left, and Jim Rash.
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Simmering script. The *Descendants* co-creators spent years trying to get their coming-of-age screenplay picked up

Jim Rash and Nat Faxon are arguably best known for aping Angelina Jolie — and her outstretched leg — at the 2012

Oscars. Upon winning best adapted screenplay for *The Descendants* with director Alexander Payne, Rash settled into a proud pose, right leg extended for all to see, while Faxon adopted a less pronounced stance.

It was a pivotal moment that catapulted the duo into a new sphere of celebrity and Internet infamy.

Now they're hoping to become even better known for their directorial debut, the

coming-of-age dramedy *The Way, Way Back*.

"It's this weird circle of life with this movie," Rash says of the film's long road to the big screen during a recent visit to Toronto.

He notes their script for *The Way, Way Back* bounced around Hollywood for years, eventually catching the attention of Payne.

The *Sideways* writer/director wasn't interested in making the film, but he was interested in hiring its writers for his own project, *The Descendants*.

Of course, that collaboration led to the Oscar, which in turn revitalized efforts to actually make *The Way, Way Back*.

"This movie did get us in the door, at least to have a meeting with *The Descendants*, and ultimately to get the job. And then from that journey to the Oscar it has allowed us to open this back up, which has been an eight-year journey," the slim, bespectacled Rash says while seated alongside a tanned Faxon.

"When it gets too long in the foot, I think sometimes scripts sort of get forgotten about, you know, unless you really persevere and keep pushing."

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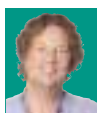
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Came Back Haunted/ Nine Inch Nails

The video for the first single from September's *Hesitation Marks* was directed by David Lynch. Before you watch it make sure to read the health warning that comes with it. You heard me.



Better Energy/ Moones

Using YouTube's annotations feature, you can control how drunk the UK band gets in this video. This one should come with a health warning, too. Then again, these guys are trained rock stars.

Personal Yeezus (Depeche Mode vs. Kanye West)/Dan Chamberlain

This was inevitable, wasn't it? Personal Jesus works insanely well with Black Skinhead.



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I'll be there for you: Perry pays it forward by opening home to addicts

Matthew Perry knows what it's like to hit rock bottom. He famously struggled with alcoholism and drug addiction during his *Friends* heyday. "Eventually things got so bad that I couldn't hide it, and then everybody knew," he told *People*.

Perry sought help, went to rehab, and got his addictions under control. He's recently decided to help others complete the same journey — he's turning his

Malibu beach house into a men's sober living facility called Perry House. "It's nice for people to see that somebody who once struggled in their life is not struggling anymore," he said.

This is an incredibly generous and thoughtful gesture by the actor. Hopefully the neighbours will agree. Something tells me that Malibu beach dwellers aren't used to living next to rehab facilities.



John Barrowman

Unlike the state of California, Barrowman wasted no time

John Barrowman, star of *Doctor Who* and *Torchwood*, married Scott Gill, his partner of 20 years, following the Supreme Court's decision to overturn the Defense of Marriage Act and Proposition 8 last week.

In a video posted before the ceremony, the couple are in the car on their way to tie the knot, looking exhausted

but happy. "Thank you, Supreme Court; about time you made it legal," Barrowman said. "See you after the ceremony!"

The newlyweds posted a photo of themselves holding their wedding certificate on *WhoSay*. "We are now legally married. Thanks for all your great wishes. Jb and Scott," they said.

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Mile-high heartbreaker: Sleeping star still gets stares

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Metro World News in New York

Call it "the curse of the adorbs." Eddie Redmayne, star of such films as *Les Misérables* and *My Week with Marilyn*, is a singing ginger with a cute British accent and a perpetually goofy, lovelorn expression.

Of course women flock to him even when he's out cold.

Eddie was on a plane recently and attracted quite the following. "I fell asleep, and when I woke up the man next to me asked, 'Excuse me, are you someone important?' I must have looked confused. He explained: 'I'm asking because the stewardesses came over and were watching you sleep,'" he told *GQ*.

Don't get a big head about it, Eddie. They'd probably do that for any member of the *Les Misérables* cast.



Beyoncé and Jay-Z

Uncle Jay and Auntie Bey: North West gets nothing but best from parents' pals

North West is sure sitting pretty. Not only are her parents a Kardashian and a Kanye — neither exactly known for being restrained consumers — but she's got family friends like Jay-Z and Beyoncé to spoil her too.

The couple spent thousands on baby gifts for little North, a source close to the couple told the *Sun*. Gifts reportedly included person-

alized Christian Dior baby booties and an engraved sterling silver Elsa Peretti Padova baby set from Tiffany's, according to the *Sun*.

Apparently they brought their own daughter, Blue Ivy, over to meet North, as Blue is "old enough now to be really interested in babies." And, presumably, in plotting world domination with her fellow princess of pop.



Russell Crowe

Unsolved Miss-tery: Crowe tweets quick pic of anonymous bits

These days celebrities tweet nude selfies (either because they got hacked or because they don't know how Twitter works) with such regularity that it's hardly even newsworthy anymore. But Russell Crowe's Twitter mishap was notable in that the nether regions his hacker tweeted weren't his.

Crowe is currently in L.A. with his wife Danielle Spencer and their two sons. The couple reportedly split up last fall, but now things seem to be on the

mend — although who knows how Danielle will react to this latest peculiar event.

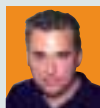
Yesterday, Crowe's account tweeted a pic of a woman's naked pubic area, which was quickly deleted.

So who was the mystery crotch? It sounds like not even Russell knows.

"Hey, I don't know what that was. Just having a chat with Dani when the phone went ballistic. Sorry, gone," he tweeted immediately after the incident.

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Washington dreamin'



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California casts a shadow that makes it hard for anyone pressing grapes in other U.S. states to get noticed. So, though wine is made everywhere across the country, odds are you've only had Cali juice.

While there may be more exotic vine-growing locales, one of the coolest is Washington state — especially its Columbia Valley. I'm talking Clint Eastwood cool, folks. The landscape east of the Cascade mountain range reminds me of the backdrop for one of his spaghetti westerns.

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Strawberry-Fennel Salsa

- 1 fennel bulb, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups strawberries, hulled and diced
- 1 medium shallot, minced
- 2 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar or sherry vinegar
- 2 tablespoons fresh tarragon, minced
- 1/2 small hot pepper (such as jalapeno), minced
- Salt and ground black pepper

In a medium bowl, mix together the fennel, strawberries, shallot, vinegar, tarragon and hot pepper. Season with salt and pepper.

Apple-Pepper Salsa

- 1 large crisp-tart apple (such as Fuji or Gala), cored and chopped
- 2 bell peppers (any colour), cored and chopped
- 1 jalapeno pepper, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh mint
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- Salt and ground black pepper

In a medium bowl, toss together the apples, peppers, jalapeno, garlic, mint, cilantro, vinegar and lime juice. Season with salt and pepper.

Cucumber-Corn Salsa

- 2 ears of corn, husks and silk removed
- 1 large cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 4 scallions, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- Hot sauce, to taste
- Salt and ground black pepper

Cut kernels from ears of corn. To do this, one at a time stand each ear on its wide end and use a knife to saw down the length of the cob. In bowl, combine the corn, cucumber, celery, scallions, dill, and the lemon zest and juice. Season with a splash of hot sauce, salt and pepper.

Hummus packs an extra protein kick

For a protein kick, try a simple and delicious snack of Peanut Butter Hummus and colourful veggies.

Prepare the hummus and cut the vegetables the night before for a quick and healthy afternoon snack that won't spoil dinner appetites.

If a thinner hummus is preferred, add additional water or lemon juice to taste.

1. Place chickpeas, water, peanut butter, lemon juice, cumin, salt and cayenne pep-

per in a food processor or blender. Whirl until smooth.

2. Serve with veggies and crackers. **NEWS CANADA/ PEANUT-BUREAU.CA**

Ingredients

- 1 can chickpeas, drained and rinsed (19 oz/540 ml)
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) hot water
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) peanut butter
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
- Pinch cayenne pepper

(optional)

Serve with:

- Carrots
- Celery
- Cucumber
- Red peppers
- Crackers
- Pita bread



This recipe makes two cups. **NEWS CANADA**

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LIFE

Haute cuisine for Fluffy is to die for (nine times over)

Cat food. Forget dry bites, this dish contains tender roast duck, lobster sushi and a light garnish of Beluga caviar

KIERON MONKS
Metro World News

British award-winning restaurateur Simon Rimmer has created a "once-in-nine-lifetimes" treat with gourmet meals for the discerning feline. Featuring lobster, beluga caviar and beetroot sauce, the \$38.06 meal has been described as

"the world's most luxurious cat food," and its creator told us all about it.

Did cats really appreciate the butternut squash?

This was all done with a vet to make sure the portion sizes were acceptable to them, and the textures worked really well. They love root vegetables if they are squashed up enough. My cat Glynda hated the squash but loved the beetroot purée. She lapped it up.

I was always told not to feed cats from the table. Are you ripping up that golden rule?

I agree with that rule, this is a one-off. You can't feed animals a human diet.

Is Glynda sulking now she's back on the tinned food?

She's fine with it. She liked it but is more of a dried food kind of girl.

Do you think in the Internet era we have made cats into gods?

I think a small minority do elevate them to that level but we do a similar thing with kids. There has to be a place for pampering.

Having tested fine dining, can we now try getting cats drunk on champagne?

There's a huge difficulty with levels of sweetness and acidity, and a huge difference between liquids



Celebrity chef Simon Rimmer is pictured treating Baggy the cat to "Chat Delices": the first-ever fine dining dish for felines and the most luxurious cat food in the world. HANDOUT

and solids. The best drink should always be water.

So, 'don't try this at home' I take it?

It's huge fun. We're highlighting that people love

to look after their pets and there are many things you can feed them one time. But never treat them as human or feed them something that hasn't been checked for size of portion. The obesity level

in pets is alarming.

What novelty dishes are you considering for next time?

Something with a venison carpaccio.

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NHL

Briere headed to Montreal

Danny Briere is leaving his new home in the Philadelphia area for his native Quebec.

The Montreal Canadiens have announced that the team has agreed to terms on a two-year deal with Briere.

The 35-year-old forward was bought out by the Philadelphia Flyers last week.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Leafs expected to buy out Grabovski

The Toronto Maple Leafs are poised to buy out Mikhail Grabovski after putting the veteran forward on unconditional waivers Thursday.

The buyout will make Grabovski an unrestricted free agent as of Friday at noon ET.

Grabovski, 29, had four years remaining on his \$27.5-million contract, which he signed in March 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Soccer

Canadian men's team to hire Floro

Veteran Spanish manager Benito Floro is expected to be introduced Friday as coach of the Canadian men's soccer team.

Floro, 61, has a lengthy resumé that includes being in charge of Spanish giant Real Madrid from 1992 to 1994.

Most recently he coached WAC (Wydad Athletic Club) Morocco.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



Sabine Lisicki hits a forehand during her semifinal match against Agnieszka Radwanska on Thursday in London, England. CLIVE BRUNSKILL/GETTY IMAGES

Victory always in sight for Lisicki

Wimbledon. Giant slayer rallies to beat Radwanska; will face Bartoli in women's final

Whether in a match, a set, a game — or even within a single point — Sabine Lisicki simply cannot be counted out.

Especially at Wimbledon, where she is one victory from becoming a Grand Slam champion.

Fashioning the same sort of comeback she used to eliminate defending titlist Serena

Williams at the All England Club, the 23rd-seeded Lisicki reached her first major final by edging No. 4 Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland 6-4, 2-6, 9-7 in a compelling, back-and-forth match Thursday.

"I just fought with all my heart," said Lisicki, who twice was two points away from losing to 2012 runner-up Radwanska.

"I believed that I could still win, no matter what the score was."

On Saturday, Lisicki will face 15th-seeded Marion Bartoli of France, who earned a berth in her second Wimble-

Winning at Wimbledon

Sabine Lisicki is 19-4 at Wimbledon, 16-15 at the other three major tournaments. She's 8-2 in three-setters at Wimbledon, 5-9 at the other Slams.

don final with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over No. 20 Kirsten Flipkens of Belgium.

It's only the second time in the 45-year Open era that two women who have never won a Grand Slam trophy will play for the championship at the

grass-court tournament.

"In the beginning of the tournament, no one, I think, (expected) those names in the semis or in the finals," Radwanska said.

That's for sure.

In 11 of the past 13 years, one Williams sister or the other — and sometimes both — reached the final at the All England Club. This year, five-time champion Venus sat out because of a back injury, while five-time champion Serena's 34-match winning streak ended with a loss to Lisicki in Monday's fourth round. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seguin wears out welcome in Beantown



Tyler Seguin is headed to Dallas after the Bruins traded him to the Stars as part of a seven-player deal on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Just days after Boston Bruins general manager Peter Chiarelli challenged Tyler Seguin to shape up or be shipped out, it appears the 21-year-old is being traded to Dallas.

The Boston Bruins appear to be closing in on a blockbuster deal to send Seguin, Rich Peverley and prospect Ryan Button to the Dallas Stars for winger Loui Eriksson, and prospects Joe Morrow, Matt Fraser and Reilly Smith, according to a TSN report.

Seguin was the Bruins second overall pick in the 2010

draft, one of three picks acquired when Boston shipped Phil Kessel to the Toronto Maple Leafs in 2009.

Chiarelli told the Boston Globe that Seguin needed to commit to becoming a pro since they gave him a six-year, \$34.5-million contract that comes with an annual \$5.75-million cap hit.

"He's got to become more of a professional. You know what? I can say that about a lot of 21-year-olds," Chiarelli told the Globe, hoping the public challenge would set him straight.

"If it doesn't, I'd be more concerned. We gave Tyler a big contract because he projects and he had good performance. I would expect that going forward," Chiarelli said. Eriksson, 27, will be going into the second half of a six-year, \$25-million contract with an annual cap hit of \$4.25 million. He was a second-round pick in the 2003 draft by the Stars. In 501 NHL games, he has 150 goals and 357 points. He was a minus-9 with 29 points and 12 goals in the shortened 2012-13 campaign. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

You know better than to ignore your instincts but not everyone is as switched on as you and a friend or relative is going to make a major mistake today. Be there for them.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Don't worry if what you do today does not meet universal approval. If you aimed to please everyone, you would not get much done. And it would give them something else to moan about.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Words can hurt as well as heal, so think before you speak today or you could severely bruise a loved one's ego. Having said that, don't go to the other extreme and say nothing at all.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Your world looks pretty good at the moment but don't let that lull you into a false sense of security. Someone you do business with may try to rip you off over the next 24 hours.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Some people you have been dealing with lately are clearly greedy, but that does not mean you have to sink to their level. Protect your interests but do so according to the rules.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Unexpected events will throw you out of your stride today but in the greater scheme of things it's no big deal, so stay calm and stick with the program. You know what your target is — keep moving.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will find it easy enough to explain your point of view today but that does not mean everyone will understand. The sad fact is not everyone shares your quickness of mind.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Anything is possible if you believe in it enough. The danger today is that certain well-meaning people may try to persuade you to lower your sights a little. Aim ever higher.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There are so many good things going on in your world, so many opportunities waiting to be exploited, that it would be a crime to just sit there and do nothing. What is it that would please you the most?

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Pluto in your sign places the focus on wealth, which means you need to take care when dealing with money matters. Don't think about how much you might make, think about how much you might lose.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Why is it that only you can see the answers? Why is it that everyone around you is blind to common sense? If you think like that then maybe the problem is really with you. People are different.

Pisces

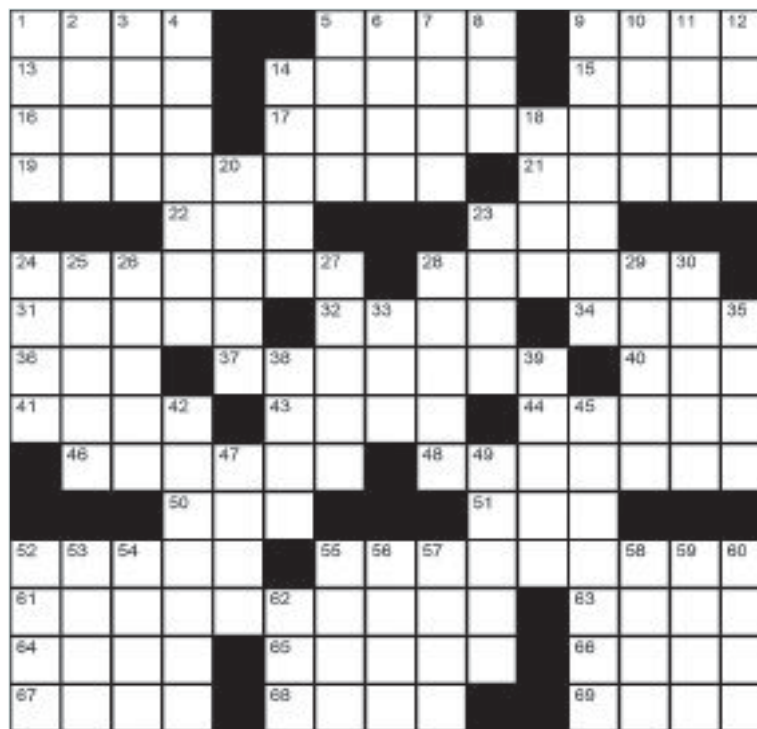
Feb. 20 - March 20

Love. Laughter. Learning. If you have these three things in your life then you are fortunate. What you learn today will make you laugh and the more you laugh the more you will love fellow man. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Montreal International ___ Festival
5. CEO, fun-style
9. Simon and ___ (Members comprising the animated duo at #37-Across)
13. S-shaped moulding
14. John Wayne directed/starred in "The ___" (1960)
15. "... a pudgy tat!" - Tweety Bird
16. 1812 Rossini comic opera, La Scala di ___
17. PEI's second-largest city
19. Place to rejuvenate or perhaps lose weight: 2 wds.
21. Acting honour
22. "___ We There Yet?" (2005)
23. Moo goo ___ pan (Take-out dish)
24. Battlefield of yore weapons
28. 14-line poem
31. "That Thing ___!" (1996)
32. Eight: French
34. Cultivate
36. Carol of covers
37. Canadian hit "Sucks to Be You" by ___
40. ___ crossroads: 2 wds.
41. Italian saint, Philip ___
43. Lake __, it's a Great one



44. Dinner enjoyer
46. Berate: 2 wds.
48. Mayor of Toronto: 2 wds.
50. Director Mr. Mendes
51. Brit. fliers
52. After: French
55. Canadian comedy movie of 1979 set at

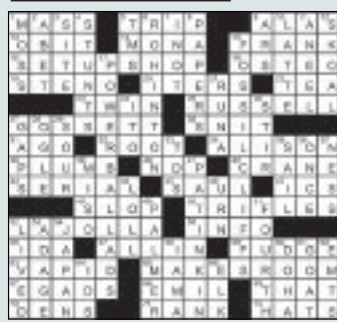
- summer camp
61. The ___ (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada
63. Mr. Lendl of tennis
64. Twisted
65. ___ lunch
66. Ascend
67. Pre-riches duds
68. Writer Ms. LeShan,

- and others
69. Locale
- Down**
1. "W." (2008) star Mr. Brolin
2. James ___ (Pulitzer-winning writer)
3. Catherine ___ Jones
4. New ___ (Australia's

- neighbour)
5. +
6. Highway exit
7. Brit actress Ms. Thompson
8. Ms. Saldana
9. "___ You" by John Waite
10. Suffix to 'Arthr'
11. Russian car

12. Indebted person
14. Greyish
18. Reddish-brown
20. Soldiers group
23. "I ___ Name" by Jim Croce
24. Blue-green
25. Certain ISP user
26. ___ Sweet (Sugar substitute)
27. Hamilton-born comedian Martin
28. Thing that measures, say
29. Lyre-playing Muse
30. Someone schlepping
33. Type of submachine gun
35. Hospital wing
38. Paper quantity
39. BBQ sizzler, Shish ___ [var. sp.]
42. Bugs
45. Reasons for many divorces
47. Job
49. Prefix meaning 'Straight'
52. Shortened word
53. ___ bargain
54. Sounded the bell
55. Lucy Montgomery link
56. Ms. James of song
57. Performs on stage
58. Caesar's 57
59. Endure
60. Snick-or-___
62. Tribulation

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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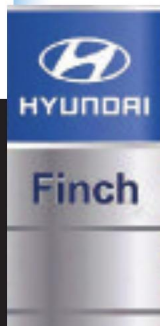


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